



City of Fredericksburg
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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FENCE AND/OR WALL PERMIT

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Project Address: _____

Zoning District: _____ Is this property located in the Historic District? Yes _____ No _____

Property Owner Information (If different from applicant)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Has the property owner been notified of the project? Yes _____ No _____

The following information is required to be submitted with the application:

- Plat, tax map or sketch that shows the proposed location of the fence or wall, applicable easements and alleys.
- Height of the fence or wall: **Height:** _____ feet

By signing below, the property owner acknowledges that should any portion of the fence being erected in accordance with this permit interfere with work or access by public employees and/or their agents in the performance of their duties, the fence or portions of the fence may need to be taken down.

Replacement of the fence shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner.

Applicant Signature: _____

Property Owner Signature: _____

A fence application is required for all construction, substantial reconstruction or replacement of fences or walls not required for support of a principal or accessory structure, and to any other linear barrier intended to delineate different portions of a lot.

Temporary fences for construction sites and tree protection fencing are exempted from the application process but shall comply with the requirements of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

For Completion by the Planning Department

☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved

Comments: _____

Zoning Administrator/Officer

Date

FENCES AND/OR WALLS:

1. Fences or walls shall be located outside of the public right-of-way, and may not exceed 24 inches in height if located within a sight triangle.
2. Fences and walls are permitted on the property line between two or more parcels of land held in private ownership.
3. Fences and walls may be located within any required yard.
4. Fences located within utility easements or around fire protection facilities shall receive written authorization from the easement holder or the City (as appropriate). The City shall not be responsible for damage to, or the repair or replacement of, fences that must be removed to access such easements or facilities.
5. No fence or wall shall be installed so as to block or divert a natural drainage flow onto or off of any other land unless subject to an approved stormwater management plan. Temporary fencing to protect existing trees, limit sedimentation, or control erosion is permitted.
6. Height of fences and walls is measured from the established grade on the highest side of the fence or wall.
7. A fence or wall in any residential district shall not exceed six feet in height in any side or rear yard and shall not exceed four feet in height within the front setback.
8. A fence or wall in any non-residential district shall not exceed ten feet in height in any side or rear yard and shall not exceed six feet in height within the front setback.
9. Applicant/property owner is responsible for property boundary locations and any error in fence locations.
10. Authorization from the Architectural Review Board may be required if the fence or wall is to be constructed in the Historic District.